

# Sporting News Of the World

## FOOTBALL RULES VERY UNCERTAIN

PLAYERS MUST DEPEND UPON INTERPRETATION GIVEN NEW RULES BY THE OFFICIALS THIS FALL

This season football players will be under a handicap on account of the uncertainty of how different officials will interpret the new rules. They will not know just how far they can go with certain plays until the officials get together on the proposition in some way, or until the rule-makers get through tampering with the gridiron laws.

The rule-makers have made few real great changes this year, but have made quite a number of minor alterations that will figure prominently.

Different officials will interpret the new rules in different ways. The understanding of one man will be exactly opposite in many cases, to the understanding of another man.

Case and Reserve, for instance, will come in contact with a lot of different officials during the coming season. Under some these they will be able to get away with certain plays that will be prohibited by others.

As a consequence, the players will never know, until late in each game, just "where they are at." Until the captain of a team is able to get a line on the officials in each game, his work with plays governed by the new rules will be largely experimental. Plays that are ground-gainers with certain officials working are liable to result in penalties under other field bosses.

Each official will be compelled to work under a heavy handicap. Each man in charge of a game will be called upon to judge quickly the legality of a play upon which the team has worked for weeks. The players will have time to experiment with the new rules, while the official will be compelled to judge almost in a twinkling of an eye, if the play was legal or illegal, or if some trick has been used to cover up a violation.

Arguments over technicalities are bound to be frequent, and officials who spring brand new interpretations of the new rules will have the players "up in the air."

An example of this occurred last season in the big game between Reserve and Case. Reserves failed to win because of an official's interpretation of a technical point. Reserve had used the quadruple pass all season and with much success. When the pass was tried against Case in the last few minutes of play, and "Muff" Portman went over the Case line with the touchdown that would have won the game, the official called the play illegal and called the ball back.

### PIRATES AND GIANTS SWAP

There are rumors that New York and Pittsburgh are figuring on a trade of players to be closed as soon as the position of the teams in the race is settled. The deal involves Campbell, the utility outfielder and emergency batter of the Pirates, of whom Muggsy McGraw thinks so much. Campbell's pinch hitting has been one of the National league features this year.



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## WILL START NEW BASEBALL LEAGUE

PROMOTERS OF PLANS FOR ALL-STAR TEAMS PROPOSE TO LAUNCH ENTERPRISE IN AUSTRALIA

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 8.—The announcement was made in Cincinnati last evening by Edward V. Wilbern and Jefferson Livingston that they will leave America for Australia within the next two weeks to organize a baseball league in that country, which will be on the same par with either the National or the American league in the United States. Wilbern and Livingston are the men who were back of the plans to organize the all-star teams in this country and to take them on their tour of the twelve largest cities in the United States. Their plans were frustrated by the action of the National Commission last Thursday morning in deciding that the players in the National and American leagues could not go on the tour.

"We intend to go over very carefully the athletic situation in Australia and to have a number of conferences on this proposition before we go into it," said Mr. Livingston here this evening.

"We shall go to Australia as the guests of Hugh McIntosh, the athletic promoter in that country, and Editor Corbett of the Sydney Referee. Corbett is the best known and best liked sporting man in all that country and can give us a fair idea of the cities expected to be members of the league. We have letters from both these men saying that the time is ripe for a real, genuine major league in that country, that the Australian capitalists will not go into it because they know very little about the game.

"Within the past five years the game of cricket has become lowered in the eyes of the common people of that country, inasmuch as cricket is not so exciting as the Australians would like to have it. They have several baseball teams in the many cities of that country now, but these are not bound together by any means and play what they term 'matches' without any schedule or organized head. Therefore Mr. Wilbern and I are going to see if we can make baseball in that country pay.

"We think there is a chance to make a good profit on our money invested and will run the risk of losing a few hundred thousand dollars in the effort."

Both Mr. Wilbern and Mr. Livingston are millionaires. While they did not say so, it is evident that they will run the risk of losing this much money just to see if they can make the kind of organized ball that is prevalent in this country pay in that one.

"We have gone over with Chairman August Herrmann of the National Commission the plans that were used in building up the leagues in this country and will use precisely the same methods in Australia," said Mr. Wilbern.

"We shall have a board of governors, which will preside over all contests between players and clubs. Just how many clubs will be in the league will be decided later, when the people take to our plans. Mr. Herrmann has kindly given us many details of the leagues here, which will be invaluable in that country. We intend to be gone from eight to twelve months, if present plans hold good, and who knows but what we may return to this country with a team that can trim the winner of the world's championship series? At any rate, there are enough people in Australia interested in baseball to make the league profitable.

Several attempts have been made to organize the clubs of that country into a league, but all these, so Mr. Corbett and Mr. McIntosh write us, have failed because no one with the money necessary has been willing to back them.

"We want to make it clear to anybody who wants to know that we are not enemies of organized baseball in this country and that we will not try to break into the game here. But we can and we will break into it in Australia, giving them classy ball and their money's worth."

### COLE GETS ANOTHER CHANCE

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 8.—Developments in Nebraska football this fall will be watched closely by Cornhusker alumni, western coaches and followers of the game in this section of the country. Coach "King" Cole failed to get the results last fall that the material warranted. To his re-election for this season there was considerable opposition, and the Nebraska board of control was petitioned to secure the services of another man for 1910. Wishes of the students and alumni were given another lease on life. Upon his return "King" will find that his work must be in an atmosphere bearing a heavy prejudice against him. King played on the Michigan team.

The American league season closes Oct. 9 and the National league season ends Oct. 15.

## HE NEVER DONE THAT BEFORE



## Athletics' Success Due to Pitchers



Above, Pitcher Plank. Below, Pitcher Bender of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—Should the Athletics win out in the American league pennant race, as it now seems probable they will, their success will be due in a large part to the strong pitching staff and especially to four twirlers, Plank, Bender, Coombs and Morgan.

### BENDER TO BE MAINSTAY

Connie Mack Will Depend On Indian In Coming World's Series  
Connie Mack has an idea, and it is based on past performances, that Chief Bender is going to be a most effective pitcher against the Cubs. Last fall when the Athletics took that barnstorming trip through the west they played a game at Chicago against the Cubs. Bender opposed Reubach and Athletics won 3 to 0, but one hit being the Athletics won 3 to 0, but one hit being made off Bender. Evers and Chance were not in the line-up, but all the rest of the team was in the game and they could do little or nothing with the Indian.

"That game gave me a pretty good line on Bender when facing the Cubs. If he is right they won't do anything with them, and he will work in at least two and maybe more of the games. He will have to be at his best, of course, but the Chief usually is at critical times and we hope to be in such a position by October as to give him plenty of rest, and have him fit and ready for the big series."

Morgan. Out of the eighty odd games won by Mack's men, 74 have been with one of the quartet in the box. Bender has only lost three of his games this season, Coombs seven, Plank eight and Morgan nine.

### SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

The New York Giants are going to make a hard try for second place.

Rochester is now picked to win the Eastern league pennant this season.

George Suggs, while pitching for Cincinnati Sunday, was injured and forced to retire.

The Millers and Saints are to meet in a post-season series of games after the close of the schedule.

The New York Americans have sold Pitcher Laftie and Catcher Kuchler to the Detroit club.

Ping Bodie, the San Francisco player drafted by the Chicago White Sox has made twenty-four home runs this season.

Trotter Quincy of the Illinois league pitched a no-hit game against Keokuk Saturday, only twenty-eight men facing him.

## HOW ED HANLON GOT HIS START IN BIG LEAGUES

Eddie Hanlon, who has retired from active participation in baseball, although he owns the baseball park in Baltimore on which the Baltimore of the Eastern league now plays, was quoted as the shrewdest maker of deals in the baseball business when it came down to trading players. The trade whereby he secured Willie Keeler for the famous three-time champion "Orioles" of Baltimore for Dan Brouthers, who was then "going back," was perhaps the best trade "Eddie" ever made, but he worked so many other good ones that other managers became afraid of him when he proposed negotiations.

Ned Hanlon, as he is now called—his advancing years having made "Eddie" appear almost too juvenile, except for his oldest intimate friends—retires with wealth, honors and the respect of everyone with whom he was ever connected. No ball player ever had a more successful and honorable professional baseball career than Hanlon. He made the national game his life business and study and is now reaping a well-earned reward in Baltimore, the city he has made his home.

His first professional engagement was with the Providence, R. I. club, then of the New England league, in 1875. He started in as a pitcher, but was knocked out of the box by the Fall Rivers in the first inning and never essayed pitching again. He was put on third base after that and made good from the start. He was always a fine batter and base runner and hit like a house afire. Later he became an outfielder and in that position with the Detroit club and as captain of the team he established his first reputation as a player.

When he first joined the Providence club there came on a rainy day and he was told by the Pitcher Critchley, "Big Critch," to go out and buy himself a rubber coat, rubber boots, rubber gloves and rubber cap, for no matter how hard it rained or how wet and muddy the field, professional games had to be played. "Eddie" conscientiously did as he was told and appeared on the field in the new regalia. He was kept out in the pouring rain an hour or so fielding batted balls before he was "put wise" that it was a joke.

He laughed that little giggling splutter of his and said:

"Wah, by gosh, I can go fishing for ballbats up in Taftville with the rubber uniform all right, he jee."

Mention rubber uniform to "Eddie" today and he will explode with laughter and say:

"Well, I got even with 'Big Critch' for that joke, for I made three home runs off him the next year in one game, and we were in different clubs." And "Eddie" did, too.



## BASE BALL RESULTS

### STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS.

#### National League Standings.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	83	38	.686
Pittsburg	75	48	.610
New York	70	52	.574
Philadelphia	65	61	.516
Cincinnati	64	64	.509
St. Louis	49	74	.398
Brooklyn	48	74	.398
Boston	42	85	.336

#### American League Standings.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	86	40	.682
Boston	73	52	.584
New York	72	53	.576
Detroit	72	55	.567
Washington	59	70	.457
Cleveland	55	70	.440
Chicago	48	75	.390
St. Louis	37	88	.296

### TODAY'S GAMES.

#### National League.

Brooklyn at Philadelphia.  
Boston at New York.  
Cincinnati at Pittsburg.

#### American League.

Chicago at St. Louis.  
Detroit at Cleveland.  
Philadelphia at Boston.  
New York at Washington.

### YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

#### National League.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 8.—Heavy hitting at opportune moments by Evers and Sheppard gave Chicago the game.  
R. H. H.  
Chicago ... 0042000001—7 9 1  
Cincinnati ... 400020000—6 13 4  
Batteries—Overall, McIntyre and Kling; Gaspar and Clarke.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 8.—Good batting by Pittsburg won two games from St. Louis.  
R. H. H.  
Pittsburg ... 20032202x—11 12 2  
St. Louis ... 210000300—6 9 2  
Batteries—Adams and Gibson; Lush, Zmyle, Phelps and Hiles.

Second game—  
R. H. H.  
Pittsburg ... 407000000—11 17 0  
St. Louis ... 000000003—3 8 2  
Batteries—Leever and Simon; Corridon, Golden and Phelps.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Mathewson struck out 11 men.  
R. H. H.  
New York ... 000000020—2 6 1  
Boston ... 000000000—0 5 2  
Batteries—Mathewson and Myers; Froeh and Smith.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 8.—Dodan won the game in the eighth with a two-bagger, sending home two runners.  
R. H. H.  
Philadelphia ... 000020020—4 5 2  
Brooklyn ... 200000019—3 7 2  
Batteries—Stack and Moran; Knetzer and Miller.

#### American League.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 8.—Cleveland defeated Detroit, bunching three singles, a double, two stolen bases and a pass in the sixth.  
R. H. H.  
Cleveland ... 200002000—4 10 1  
Detroit ... 000010200—3 8 1  
Batteries—Mitchell and Land; Mullin and Stange.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—Errors in the first inning gave the visitors their only run.  
R. H. H.  
Washington ... 000000110—2 5 2  
New York ... 100000000—1 5 0

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### Batteries—Johnson, Beckendorf and

Almuth; Quinn and Sweeney.  
Boston, Mass., Sept. 8.—The locals' only run was scored on clean hitting, but Boston scored twice on errors.

R. H. H.  
Boston ... 0000010000—1 4 4  
Philadelphia ... 0000001001—2 5 2  
Batteries—R. Collins and Kleinow; Bender and Thomas.

St. Louis-Chicago; no game; rain.

### American Association.

Louisville 2; Columbus 4.  
Toledo 2; Indianapolis 1.  
Milwaukee 2; St. Paul 3, 10 innings.  
Kansas City 7; Minneapolis 13.

### Western League.

Denver 4; Topeka 2.  
Lincoln 6; Sioux City 8.  
Omaha 3; Des Moines 1.  
Wichita 5; St. Joseph 4.

### Three I League.

Watson 2; Springfield 3.  
Dayton 2; Danville 6.  
Rock Island 4; Bloomington 2.  
Dubuque 11; Peoria 6.

### DRAFT ON ASSOCIATION.

Players Who Are Sated To Move Up From Class "A" Circuit

For purposes of tabulation, the following shows more clearly than the official list what the American association clubs lost and what they would have lost but for the rule permitting only one player to be drafted:

Minneapolis—Allier to Cincinnati. Drafted thrown out on Fenne. Williams, Smith, Cravath and Owens.  
St. Paul—Josh Clark to Boston Doves. Draft thrown out on Steiger.  
Toledo—Catcher Hartley to New York Giants. Draft thrown out on Hickman.

Kansas City—Outfielder Raftery to Pittsburg.  
Indianapolis—Pitcher George, for whom eight clubs put in claims, to St. Louis Browns. Draft thrown out on Glaze, Burke and Hargrove, the latter wanted by three clubs.

Milwaukee—Pitcher Dougherty to Cincinnati. Draft thrown out on Clark.

Louisville—Infielder Myers to St. Louis Browns the winner among the seven clubs wanting the player. Draft thrown out on Holla and Reilly.

According to the official list, Columbus did not lose a player by draft. Of course some of these seven drafted players may come back next season, and there will be a host of others to join them, but the draft list while up to expectations in number is hardly as heavy as in some seasons.

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